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The Fabrication of the Great Man



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It is impossible to be a great man. I mean, a man is capable of doing some great things within his lifetime, but that doesn't make him a great man. He is simply a man who has accomplished a great thing or two in his life. Imagine being in J.F.K.'s seat when he found out that the Soviets were placing missiles ninety miles off of the coast of Florida in Cuba. Here you are sitting in the United States, thousands of miles from any real threat, and pow! You're looking at a threat that could destroy the eastern half of the United States with only a couple of hours' worth of notice. The panic monster had to have been running rampage within the White House and through the ranks of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, but did he hit the "shit gets real now" button? Nah, he played it cool, unlike what I would have done. I would have launched missiles at Cuba so fast and shouted as I realized as they were mid flight, "shit it is only ninety miles away from us, we're going to feel it too!" Not J.F.K. though, nah not him. He sets up a naval blockade and explains to Cuba and the U.S.S.R. that they are playing with fire. He shows them he is willing to be crazy as shit and hit the button, but that he is also willing to work it out with them too. He plays it perfectly and the world gets to limp into another century because of it. And let us not forget his moonshot, you know the actual moonshot that we label tremendously bold attempts to do something.....err, hrm... shall we say, great?

But those great deeds he accomplished doesn't make him a great man. He wasn't. He cheated on his wife with numerous women and he even allowed some American backed invaders die, knowing he wasn't going to fully support them in Cuba. And, I hate to point this out because it seems so insensitive, but he clearly pissed off the wrong person at some point – you know, because of the whole grassy knoll thing

the man who was the president of the united states
we want to understand what he did
and if he did something bad

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